

HOUSE BILL 979

By Calfee

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 56, Chapter 1, Part 3;
Title 62 and Title 63, relative to limiting the
authority of political subdivisions of this state to
create new occupational licensing requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 76, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Freedom to Prosper
Act."

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Licensing authority" means an agency, examining board,
credentialing board, or other state agency that is authorized to impose licensing
requirements on any occupation;

(2) "Licensing requirement" means any training, education, or fee that is
required to engage in an occupation; and

(3) "Political subdivision" means any city, town, municipality, county,
including any county having a metropolitan form of government, or other legally
authorized local governmental entity with jurisdictional boundaries.

(c) On and after July 1, 2017, no political subdivision of this state may:

(1) Impose any licensing requirements on an occupation unless the
political subdivision imposed licensing requirements on that occupation prior to
July 1, 2017. Subject to subdivision (c)(3), a political subdivision may continue to

impose licensing requirements on an occupation if the political subdivision

imposed licensing requirements on that occupation prior to July 1, 2017;

(2) Impose any licensing requirement on an occupation that expands or increases any licensing requirements imposed on such occupation by a licensing authority; or

(3) Continue to impose licensing requirements on an occupation, if a licensing authority begins to impose licensing requirements on the occupation and the occupation was not previously subject to licensing requirements imposed by a licensing authority.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.